

**A CRIMINAL BOX.**

Shortly after the breaking out of the French Revolution its advocates denounced our Premier as "an enemy to the human race," that man "so easy to live with," who "sang the song about himself called 'Bully Pitt, the Tory.' His secretary one day told him that a servant, who spoke English tolerably well, had twice or thrice asked to see him, but not liking him a proper applicant, had been sent away, the great man's time being too important for him to admit every stranger who on frivolous pretenses might seek to gratify an idle curiosity. 'This person, however, had said that he would return in an hour. The secretary, therefore, thought it his duty to inform Mr. Pitt of such intention and ask his further orders in the matter.'

"Have the gentleman," said the Minister, "to open the door, let the drawer in the cabinet and bring me his contents."

There were a pair of pistols and a morocco case; opening the latter he produced a snuff-box in which was a portrait.

"Is that like our visitor?" asked Pitt. "It is the man, sir," answered the secretary.

"He is sent over to assassinate me; so, when he calls again, let him be shown up."

"Will you," exclaimed the Minister, "will you go, appointing a guard over your life on which so much depends?"

"There will be no danger, I thank you; but you may be within call, if you please."

Accordingly the Frenchman, on his return, was ushered into the room, where William Pitt sat alone—a loaded pistol in one hand and the miniature in the other.

"Monsieur Meloe de la Touche," said Pitt, calmly, "you see I am in every way prepared for you, thanks to an agent employed by this government. Attempt my life, and your own instantly pays the forfeit. In any case I shall have you secured and given over to the law."

The intended assassin stood paralyzed and dumb at this cool reception.

"But," continued Pitt, "there is another alternative; personal safety and high rewards are in your power. Sell your services to Great Britain; make your market of whatever secret information you can procure, that may guard against the machinations of your country; be, in fact, one of those necessary evils which policy forces us to use in desperate cases; do what no honorable man could do to save yourself from death; your conscience is stained by purposeful murder. Comply, therefore, with these conditions, and you shall be as liberally paid as you must, by all parties, be justly desirous."

The secretary went to repeat his illustrious master's words, which were, as nearly as possible, to the above effect.

The clever miscreant joyfully accepted these terms and for many years earned the bribe of a spy.

No doubt a snuff-box was the safest means for the warning portrait, as fancy heads frequently adorned such a thing; while had the miniature been set as a locket whoever saw must have been sure that it depicted some real individual.—London Society.

**CAPTAIN BASSETT'S GREAT SECRET.**

A Washington correspondent writes: Daniel Webster resigned his seat in the United States Senate on July 20, 1850. His desk is still in the Senate Chamber, but which one, where it sits, and who is the lucky Senator that has it, are secrets to all the world except Captain Bassett, whom Mr. Webster brought here when a mere boy and put him in position as a page eighteen years before he resigned. Captain Bassett has held a position in the Senate from that day until the present, being Acting Assistant-Sergeant-at-Arms now. But to the story of the desk. As above stated, the possessor of it or its number is as profound a secret to the Senator who sits in it as it is to an Egyptian mummy. Captain Bassett's reason for keeping all knowledge of the numbers of Mr. Webster's, Mr. Clay's and Mr. Calhoun's seats is that, now, in our understanding, the desire of the average American citizen, both male and female, for relics, he fears to give the secret away, lest the desk would be chipped away by piecemeal by the curious who through the Capitol every day. There has been no change in these desks from the day they were brought into the Capitol until now, other than the annual coat of varnish. Captain Bassett has a memorandum record of their numbers and places, and will, when he comes to shuffle off this mortal coil, furnish to the proper person all the information relative to those desks, in order that the history may be carefully preserved. There are three other desks in the Senate chamber which curiosity hunters would like to be able to see and know that they are the right ones. These are the desks of Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi; Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois; and Charles Sumner, of Massachusetts. Mr. Davis' desk occupied the same position in the chamber that Mr. Beck's does now, but it is not known to any one except Captain Bassett whether or not it is the same one. Mr. Douglas was in the same place as that occupied by Mr. Pendleton, and Mr. Sumner was in the place now occupied by Mr. Dawes. In 1862, when the New York Yankees were in the city, about twenty of them went into the Senate chamber to destroy the chair and desk that had been occupied by Mr. Davis. Captain Bassett put in his appearance and asked them what they were about. They quickly told him that they were going to destroy the seat and desk because they were once used by Jeff. Davis. Captain Bassett suggested to them that their mission to Washington was to protect public property and not to destroy it.

HOW THE WORLD WENT RIGHT ALONG.

A Bear who had made himself believe that he had the worst luck of any animal in creation, was crawling through the woods one day, when he met a Serpent, who inquired:

"Which way now, my Friend?"

"I am going to find some Spot where I can retire from the World. The World has not used me right, and in revenge I will desert it."

"I would do that."

"Bully! I can no longer trust any."

body. I have been cheated, lied to, and misused, until I have no faith left. I will now retire within myself, and if any convulsion of Nature takes place, the country must not blame me for it. I have borne all that one Bear can be expected to put up with."

Bear went his way until he found a lonely spot, and then he crawled into a hole and began listening for the Crack of Doom.

It made him feel good to think that the World was turning itself bottom side up because he had absented himself from sight and search, and he was determined not to yield until after several thousand terror-stricken people had come to him with tears in their eyes.

Much to Bear's surprise, the night passed like all other nights. No one appeared during the forenoon to plead with him, and the afternoon passed without an Earthquake, or Tornado.

He moseyed about the advent of a crowd to plead with him to come back to the World, and have faith and confidence, but the crowd didn't show up. After a long and hungry night, Bear began to weaken. After much argument with himself, he crawled out of his hole, and was seeking through the woods when he met a Hare.

"Is the World yet standing?" asked the Bear.

"Certainly, never more solid since I can remember."

"And is any one searching for me?"

"Not that I know of."

"Everything goes on just the same, eh?"

"Just the same."

"And didn't you hear that I had lost all faith in human nature, and retired from the World?"

"Never heard a word of it. Tra-la, old man, I'm off."

The Bear sat down on a thistle and thought the matter over for a few minutes, and then arose and made a bee-line for his usual haunts, telling every animal he met on the way that he had been off on a fishing excursion.

MORAL: The cynic who flatters himself that he is foregoing on the world by withdrawing his company forgets that he will be obliged to associate with himself.

Life is not so short but there is always time enough for courtesy.

There are epidemics of nobleness as well as epidemics of disease.

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**TAX SALE.**

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP.**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Tax Warrant, to me given by the Township Committee of the Township of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, dated July 5th, 1893, commanding me to make the taxes in arrears for the year 1893, with interest, costs, fees, charges and expenses, out of the real estate, I will expose for sale on

Tuesday, the Fifth day of September, next, at 3 o'clock, p.m., at my office in Library Hall, in Bloomfield, to such person or persons as will take the same for the shortest term, and pay the taxes thereon for the year 1893, with interest, costs and fees, charges and expenses assessed and charged against the same, the following described premises in the Township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey:

1. A certain lot, containing one acre, more or less, situated in the Township of Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, owned by John J. Dwyer, and to be sold for the sum of \$100.00.

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT**

**Bloomfield Savings Institution**

JANUARY 1st, 1893.

Assets: Loans on Bond and Mortgage (first liens) \$37,750.00

United States Bonds \$7,000.00—market value 7,000.00

Real Estate Bonds \$1,000.00—market value 1,000.00

Interest due and accrued 1,073.00

Cash on hand and in Bank 4,282.00

Large Iron Safe 300.00

Total \$51,405.00

LIABILITIES: Depositors including interest paid \$49,565.50

Surplus \$1,839.50

The above